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[1] Cholera - Mozambique (Cabo Delgado, Niassa)

Date: Wed, 6 Mar 2013 18:03:19 +0100 Source: AllAfrica, The Herald report [edited] http://allafrica.com/stories/201303060421.html

Health authorities say that a cholera outbreak in the northernmost province of Cabo Delgado has spread to Cuamba district in the neighboring province of Niassa. Up to Sun 2 Mar 2013, 33 cases of cholera had been diagnosed in Cuamba, although none of the patients had died, said the health authorities.

Cases continue to be diagnosed in the Cabo Delgado provincial capital Pemba, and the districts of Mecufi and Metuge, Radio Mozambique quoted the authorities as saying yesterday, 5 Mar 2013.

The radio reported that in the 1st 3 days of March 2013, there were 16 new cases, bringing the total number since the start of the year to 704 cases.

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[Maps of Mozambique can be seen at http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/mozambiq.pdf and http://healthmap.org/r/1hcW. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[2] Cholera - Republic of Congo (Pointe-Noire)

Date: Fri 1 Mar 2013

Source: Afriquejet, Pan African News Agency [PANA] report [edited]

http://www.afriquejet.com/201303012890/Cholera-epidemic-Cholera-kills-8-in-Congo.html

A cholera epidemic which hit Congo's 2nd largest city, Pointe-Noire, has left 8 people dead from the 289 cases reported, Radio Congo Friday quoted the director of the health office in Pointe-Noire, Jean-Pierre Michel Ndzondault, as saying.

The Congolese government blames the spread of the disease on the recent torrential rain in the city coupled with

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poor sanitation of the area. Officials said if measures are not taken quickly, the epidemic could worsen during the forthcoming rainy season.

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[Maps of the Republic of Congo can be seen at http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/congo.pdf and http://healthmap.org/r/50p6. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[3] Diarrhea - Guyana (north west)

Date: Sat 9 Mar 2013

Source: The Windsor Star [edited]

http://www.windsorstar.com/health/Gastroenteritis+outbreak+kills+Guyana+dozens/8074344/story.html

Guyana's health ministry says 3 children have died and dozens of people are receiving treatment due to a gastroenteritis outbreak in the South American country.

Chief medical officer Shamdeo Persaud says medical teams are being rushed to a gold-mining community in a north west region bordering Venezuela. He said on Saturday [9 Mar 2013] that laboratory tests show elevated levels of _Escherichia coli_ bacteria and that several people have been hospitalized.

The ministry has distributed water treatment tablets and noted that rivers and creeks in the remote jungle community are polluted with sewage blamed on an increased number of miners.

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[Maps of Guyana can be seen at http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/mozambiq.pdf and http://healthmap.org/r/2aFV. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

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